

majority, of office. Our Hon. Secretary—whose unselfish and disinterested labours on behalf of the Nursing Profession are valued by us—has been removed from the General Purposes Committee by this exceedingly mean method. We consider it a direct insult, and resent it as such. The Rules were only made and put into book form four months ago, and nurses have purchased them for their guidance.

We desire to inform you, Sir, that we are so disgusted and disappointed with the recent actions of the General Nursing Council, that we have lost all confidence in it as a whole. Six members only have won our confidence and respect, and among them is Miss Maude MacCallum.

We beg to remain, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) BEATRICE KENT, *President*.  
WINIFREDE PAUL, *Chairman*.  
L. A. PARSONS, *Treasurer*.  
M. M. O'DWYER, *Trustee*.

MISS SEYMOUR YAPP asked the number of members of this Union.

MISS MACCALLUM declined to give it. She did not consider it a question in which the members of the Council had any right to interfere. They were all subscribing members.

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE considered it a relevant question.

LADY HOBHOUSE said this was the second time that the size of a body sending letters to the Council had been asked for and no reply had been given. The Council was ready to receive communications from authenticated bodies, but she thought that to consider letters from bodies the membership of which was not known was waste of time.

#### NECESSITY FOR FEVER NURSING EXPERT ON EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

6. A letter from Miss Ambler Jones, Matron of the South-Eastern Fever Hospital (Metropolitan Asylums Board), enclosing the copy of an influentially signed letter sent to the Minister of Health relative to the elimination of Miss Villiers, the only Fever Nursing Expert, from the Education and Examination Committee of the Council.

(This letter was printed in our issue of April 15th.)

#### TRAINING IN PRISONS.

7. A letter from the Home Office giving particulars as to the training and experience of the Prison Nursing Staff, on behalf of the Prison Commissioners, and enquiring whether these would render them eligible for registration as Existing Nurses.

Also stating that the Male Hospital Staff in Prisons were mostly ex-R.A.M.C. men or ex-members of the Sick Berth Staff of the Royal Navy, and further stating that the Prison Commissioners would be glad to know whether the Council would recognise the hospital at Parkhurst Prison as a training school for male nurses.

Referred to the Registration Committee.

#### WEEKLY RETURN REQUIRED BY MINISTER OF HEALTH.

8. A letter from Mr. L. G. Brock asking for a weekly statement to be sent to the Minister of Health as to applications for Registration.

#### COLLEGE OF NURSING AND SECOND-HAND ENTRANTS.

9. A letter from the Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., stating that she was directed by the Council of the College to apply for recognition under Rule 9A, forwarding a copy of its Register for 1916-1921, and stating that the Register for 1922 would be published shortly. Also that all information as to members of the College would be open to the inspection of the Registrar of the General Nursing Council.

Referred to the Registration Committee.

#### PROTEST FROM NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

10. A letter from Councillor Beatrice Kent, President of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, enclosing a copy of the Resolutions carried unanimously at a meeting convened by that Council, supported by members of other Nurses' organizations affiliated to the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on April 8th.

These Resolutions appeared in our issue of April 15th last.

*Resolution 1* recorded warm approval of the policy of the six nurses' representatives on the Council and expressed strong disapproval of the unconstitutional methods by which the majority of the Council had agreed to deprive these members of office on the Standing Committees.

*Resolution 2* expressed indignation at the threat of the Minister of Health in the House of Commons on March 22nd, that if the new Rules were not agreed he would move the repeal of the Nurses' Registration Act, and respectfully informing the Minister that the Societies of Free Nurses would resist any such attempt by every means in their power.

*Resolution 3* protested against a medical man being placed in the Chair of the Registration Committee and signing the Certificates instead of a nurse member of the Council, and against a lay woman assuming the important position of Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, thus depriving the Nursing Profession of its rightful responsibility and authority in its own Governing Body.

*Resolution 4* announced the determination of the Free Nurses organisations to invite the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council to include in its constitution the object of working for a General Nursing Council composed of Registered Nurses; and

*Resolution 5* pledged the members of the Free Nurses' organisations to combine for self-protection and for the protection of the privileges granted them by Parliament under the Nurses' Registration Act, including the establishment of a Nursing Council composed of Registered Nurses.

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